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PREFACE

The most disappointing thing about writing a history is being unable to discover all the records that exist or ought to exist, for this often results in the defective or incomplete appearance of the finished product. Sometimes important documents have been carelessly lost or destroyed, and again no one apparently took the trouble to preserve details that would now be of considerable interest. The sole duty of the historian is to collect and to organize all the available facts in a way that will serve or instruct his readers in the years ahead.

It is unfortunate that the Minute Books of St. Timothy's Episcopal Church are not complete, and that much valuable information, especially on the early period of the Church, has consequently vanished, but enough remains to furnish an entertaining survey of the life of the organization from its very foundation to the present day. The following pages will tell what our kinsmen and friends have accomplished in their devotion and service to this Church, and we who follow after them may do well to emulate their example.

Mrs. James S. Whitehead and Mrs. William Johnston King, Sr., have our sincere appreciation for their valuable assistance in gathering source materials for this History, and also Mrs. W. E. Robbins and Mrs. Charles Zrakas for the surviving records of the Church.

Hugh B. Johnston, Jr.

Wilson, North Carolina

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DEDICATION

This little sketch is dedicated to all those who have devoted their love and their service to the glory of God and to this Church.

A BRIEF HISTORY OF ST. TIMOTHY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Although it is a regrettable fact that "many records of St. Timothy's Episcopal Church were lost over the years, with the names of faithful members and their activities," one may still discover and record a great deal of interesting information that should be preserved for posterity in a chronologically permanent form. The Church of England was represented among the earliest settlers of what is now Wilson County, but was almost immediately overpowered so completely by the Baptists that no Episcopalian Church was organized and erected here prior to the incorporation of the Town of Wilson in the middle of the last Century. In fact, the very names of the scattered Churchmen in this first century are now a subject for conjecture and uncertainty.

It is claimed that Dr. Barron C. Watson has the honor of being the first Episcopalian to reside in the Town of Wilson. He was born in 1824 at Germantown, Pennsylvania. His father, J. F. Watson, Esquire, was the author of the Annals of Philadelphia, and John Hill Wheeler wrote of him that "The thanks of the State and the gratitude of every individual of North Carolina are due to Mr. Watson.....for his generous and patriotic liberality to the heroic dead" in erecting at Germantown at his personal expense a marble memorial that bears the following inscription:

IN HONOR TO THE BRAVE

Hic jacet in pace.

Colonel HENRY IRWIN, of North Carolina

Captain TURNER,

Adjutant LUCAS and six SOLDIERS,

Killed in the Battle of Germantown.

ONE CAUSE, ONE GRAVE.

Dr. Watson began his practice in Wilson about the year 1849 and was described as a "man of noble qualities and splendid physique." He became our first Magistrate of Police (equivalent to Mayor now), and in 1850 he was elected Master of local Masonic Lodge. Since there was only the Tosneot Primitive Baptist Church to serve some two hundred and fifty citizens, Dr. Watson and his wife became communicants of Calvary Episcopal Church in Tarboro. One must admire the strength of their doctrinal convictions, for it was a hard trip by horse and buggy, leaving Wilson after an early Sunday breakfast, and returning late the same afternoon.

In the Spring of 1855, about two years after the Watsons returned to their former home in the North, the Reverend Thomas Atkinson (died on January 4, 1881) made his first visit to Wilson and held services in the hall above W. D. Rountree's general store at the corner of Barnes and Tarboro Streets. (He had been consecrated Bishop of this Diocese on October 17, 1853.) Miss Virginia Stith (who later married Thomas G. Davis, and Mrs. Martha Adams were received to confirmation at this time. However, it is interesting to note what Bishop Atkinson recorded in his Journal on October 29, 1855: "On the 29th in the evening, at Wilson, I preached in the Methodist Church, the use of which was kindly offered us. It was the first instance of the celebration of the services of our Church in that growing village. October 30th, I preached again at the same place."

The Reverend William Murphy was sent to Wilson in 1856 and organized the first congregation whose service were held for the next several years in the lower part of the old Masonic Building (at a later date occupied as a residence by Henry G. Williams) on Lodge Street. In 1858 and 1859 the Reverend F. Fitzgerald of St. Stephen's Church of Goldsboro held occasional services, and at this time a movement began under the leadership

of Judge George Howard to purchase a lot and to erect a house of worship thereon. On June 12, 1860 during the period that the Reverend Mr. Stickney was holding monthly services in Wilson, James D. Radcliffe, Arthur Barnes, Thomas C. Davis, George Howard, Jr., and Edward P. Tucke, the Wardens, Vestry, and Trustees of St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, paid T. C. Davis and George Howard three hundred dollars for one-third of an acre at the N. E. corner of Greene and Goldsboro Streets adjoining the said Davis on the north and David Nolly on the east, witnessed by J. H. Gray. (Deed Book 1, p. 580)

The congregation had already been admitted to the Diocese as a Parish in 1859, when the Reverend Fitzgerald reported: "I have taken charge of this interesting Missionary Station, and intend to officiate as often as possible. Before another year is ended, I hope to be able to report a Church edifice for Consecration." The Honorable George Howard, T. C. Davis, J. D. Radcliffe, and E. Prentiss Tucke were sent as Delegates to the D. C. Convention of 1860. In this year the Church gave \$4.00 to the Bishop's salary and contingent, \$4.00 to the Missionary Fund, and \$2.00 to the Relief Fund.

The Church building was finally completed in early 1861, and it said that "the whole community contributed liberally." The Reverend Angelo Benton, D. D., was the first pastor to officiate there, and he also served the Church at Greenville and Marlboro in Pitt County. After about a year and one-half he moved to Cumberland County and assumed the pastorate of the Little Rock Fish Church that had been left vacant by the death of this father. The Reverend Willis Hunter of Goldsboro ministered to St. Timothy's Church "when opportunity admitted" from then until the arrival of the Reverend Israel Harding from Washington on the Pamlico in the early part of

1863.

Theodore Benedict Lyman (Bishop of the Diocese of North Carolina, 1881-1893) wrote on April 23, 1863: "I consecrated St. Timothy's Church, Wilson. This Church was erected two or three years ago, in this new and flourishing village, where there were but a few members of our Communion, and it reflects credit on their zeal and their good taste. It was, however, still considerably in debt when the Rev. Mr. Harding, the present Minister of the congregation, requested me this Spring to procure some aid for them, so as to prepare the Church for Consecration at my then approaching visitation. I stated the case in a number of Parishes, and the response was so liberal, that when I reached Wilson, I found that I had considerably more money contributed than was needed to pay the debt. Mr. Harding gave the sentence of consecration, and I preached the sermon."

The following anecdote reveals that Episcopalianism was still something of a novelty in Wilson during the 1860's: "A Clergyman was walking one day at the head of a funeral procession with his surplice on, when an old countryman with his eyes bent on the ground suddenly came upon them at the corner of a street, and having never seen or heard of a surplice before, he was very much startled as the idea suddenly struck him that something very dreadful was about to take place; but on discovering that the tragedy was over, with a smile of relief on his countenance he placed his hands behind him and turning to an acquaintance said,

'Jess, what brigazee is that?'

What he meant by 'brigazee' would be rather difficult to determine. It was evidently a coinage on the spur of the moment."

Soon after his arrival in Wilson, the Reverend Harding was joined and assisted by the Reverend Edwin Geer of Washington who was accompanied by a

number of refugee families of their congregation who did not wish to remain within the Federal lines. They included the Daniels, Ellisons, Hares, Kennedys, Satterthwaites, Selbys, Stanleys, Treadwells, and Mrs. Elvina Farrow who was the foster mother of Mrs. Mary Cleves Daniels. A number of these people remained in Wilson after the cessation of hostilities, but the Reverend Harding left and was succeeded in 1866 by the Reverend Benton who carried his second period of service through 1870.

The Plaindealers of July 6, 1869, announced that the Reverend A. A. Benton would deliver a lecture on "Church Music" in St. Timothy's Church at 8:30 p. m., after the evening services. He and the Reverend Dr. Joseph Blount Cheshire established a Chapel at Stantonburg, it being completed on April 1, 1870, and he preached there once a month and also officiated periodically at several other Chapels in the eastern counties. The Reverend J. W. Larmour of St. Stephen's Church of Goldsboro was the local rector in 1871 and 1872. (Turner and Bridgers, p. 455). He was followed by two ministers whose names and periods of service are given in the list of pastors, and then by the Reverend B. S. Bronson who resigned on July 1, 1889, in order to establish the "Home School for Boys" near Warrenton.

Some of the earliest families belonging to St. Timothy's Church were Adams, Battle, Benton, Davis, Hooper, Jarvis, Lawrence, Rowland, Stith, Watson, and Whitfield. Hines, Meredith, Ruffin and Shepherd were added in the 1870's. Allen, Applewhite, Cantwell, Carr, Clark, Green, Hadley, Hales, Hargrave, Harriss, Hodges, Jones, Joyner, Moore, Nolley, O'Hagan, Pennington, Person, Rawlings, Rawls, Roberts, Tyson, Waters, and Woodard appeared among the communicants in the 1880's. Connor, Gorham, Knight, McDaniel, Murray, and Singletary date from the 1890's.

The oldest surviving Record Book begins in the year 1879, and the "firsts" in it are: The marriage of William Scott and Flora Gay on July

23, 1879, the burial of Joseph Benton Davis on November 11, 1879, the baptism of Joseph Davis on June 17, 1881, and the confirmation of Bettie Davis on June 17, 1881. It is to be regretted that we cannot determine who were the real "firsts" in the original Church building.

Although Sunday School classes were probably held at an earlier date, the first on record is that of the wife of the Reverend Bronson in 1879. Some of the subsequent Superintendents were John R. Moore, George Stanton, Jacob C. Hales, H. C. McNair, and Dr. M. M. Saliba (in 1925). A. J. Hines was Secretary and Treasurer in 1925 and the Teachers were Miss Deans (No. 1), Miss Stanton (No. 2), Mrs. Moore (No. 3), Mrs. Dunnington (No. 4), Mrs. Blackburn and Mrs. Murray (No. 5), Mrs. Wallace (No. 6), Miss Williams (No. 7), Mrs. Davis (No. 8), Miss Townsend (No. 9), Mrs. Simms (No. 10), Mrs. Hines (No. 11), Dr. Saliba (No. 12) and Mr. Davis (No. 13), with a total enrollment of ninety-one. The Reverend J. Q. Beckwith was Superintendent in 1943 and 1944, with Miss Sadie Vinson as Supervisor, and Edward C. Joyner and Herbert H. Harriss, Jr., have followed him more recently.

During the pastorate of the Reverend Bronson, St. Timothy's Church observed a very charming custom that might be worth reviving as a stimulus to community spirit. On Easter and also on Christmas, all the children of Wilson were invited to participate in the religious services, after which the pastor lead them in a procession through the streets of the town, carrying banners and singing hymns or carols appropriate to the occasion. At Christmas time, they always ended at Mamona Hall (then the center of public entertainment) where there was a big Christmas Tree with gifts for everyone piled around it.

In June of 1891, the Reverend Fenner Stickney was ordained a Deacon in St. Timothy's Church by Bishop Lyman. At the time of his death he was serving as Rector of the Monumental Church of Richmond. His body was

returned to Wilson and lay in the Church during all the night preceding his burial, with many young men of the congregation keeping watch at his side.

The Women's Auxiliary appears to have been founded in 1898, with Mrs. Thomas Bell as President. Mrs. John W. Drake held this office in 1944. In October of 1901 the Reverend Carey Gamble organized St. Timothy's Guild to give the ladies a larger participation in the parochial, social and financial work of the Church. Mrs. C. M. Fleming was its President in 1943 and 1944.

In 1902 the Holy Trinity Mission was established in Elm City under the leadership of the Reverend Gamble. The late George Stanton was greatly interested in this project and was the first Superintendent of the Sunday School there. The first ten persons confirmed in the Mission Church were Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Hunter, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Simpson, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Morris, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Tilghman, Mrs. J. H. Dixon, and Miss Lucy Edwards.

St. Agnes's Guild was organized in 1904 for the purpose of raising funds sufficient for purchasing an organ for the new Church. Its President was Mrs. W. J. King in 1943 and Mrs. W. A. Brigders in 1944. The Junior Auxillary was organized in 1908 under the leadership of Mrs. H. C. McNair, and its first President was Mrs. Frank B. Davis (then Miss Helen Patterson). It was reorganized in 1917 through the efforts of Miss Lanie Hales. In 1915 Miss Hales had become the first President of St. Mary's Guild, which office was held by Mrs. John B. Bruton in 1943 and by Mrs. E. G. Joyner in 1944.

In May of 1906, during the pastorate of the Reverend T. A. Cheatham work was initiated on the present Gothic building of brick. The original wooden building had grown too small and was showing the effects of its

age. The congregation at this time consisted of only sixty-seven families of whom one hundred and eighteen were baptized person and one hundred and ten were communicants. The first service in the new Church was held on Easter Sunday, April 19, 1908. Since there was still a considerable debt, it was not until May 11, 1919, during the pastorate of the Reverend Morrison Bethea, that the building was consecrated. This service was conducted by the Right Reverend Joseph Blount Chesire, Bishop of this Diocese from 1893 to 1932, and ten new members were confirmed upon this happy occasion. The following inscription appears on the cornerstone:

ST. TIMOTHY'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

1906

According to the Church Record, the following "firsts" pertain to the new building: the baptism of Virginia Tyson and Frances Adline Person on January 19, 1908, the wedding of Hugh H. Murray and Kate Bronson Connor on January 23, 1908, the confirmation class consisting of Mrs. Alla Moore Basye, Mrs. John Bowie Gray, Minnie Sugg, Lenox Daniels Rawlings, Carl C. Clayton, Mabel Moore, Elsie Moore, Helen Patterson, and Clyde Martha Deans in April of 1908, and the funeral of Mrs. Louisa Connor Mercer on May 1, 1908. The first Crucifer was Alpheus Branch III, and the first Acolyte was Harvey Church McNair, Jr.

The Altar Guild was organized by the Reverend Morrison Bethea in April of 1921 as a means of giving recognition to the faithful workers who made the Communion Bread, laundered the Linens, and performed other services associated with the Altar. One of these was Mrs. Helen Blair Treadwell Daniels, a grand-niece of Samuel Seabury, consecrated on November 14, 1780, as the First Bishop of the Episcopal Church of America. She was followed by Miss Annie Robinson, Miss Rebecca Robinson, Mrs. R. H. Patterson, Mrs.

Minnie Selby Woodard, and Mrs. James S. Whitehead. In 1943 the President of the Altar Guild was Mrs. Charles C. Benton, with Mrs. E. K. Wright as Vice-President. In 1944, Mrs. Wright had become President, and Miss Sadie Vinson was the Secretary and Treasurer. Miss Vivian Deans has been one of the most active and loyal members of this Guild since 1930.

On November 28, 1921, while W. J. Boykin was Senior Warden, the Vestry resolved to adopt the one year rotating system that is still in effect for the periods of service of the Vestrymen. The Young People's Service League was also begun in the early 1920's and has continued to perform a splendid work to the present date. Miss Catherine Thomas was President of this organization in 1943 and 1944. The Boy Scout Troop sponsored by St. Timothy's Episcopal Church was apparently founded about the same time.

In January of 1924, during the pastorate of the Reverend Edward W. Baxter, the Vestry decided to erect a Parish House, and the plans submitted by the firm of Benton & Benton were approved at the meeting held on March 23rd. J. B. Gray was Chairman of the Building Committee, J. C. Eagles of the Finance Committee, and Mrs. R. H. Patterson was the Treasurer of Funds. The work was actually begun on June 28, 1924, and was completed on April 3, 1925, at a total cost of \$20,348.80. The construction of the Rectory was started on September 10, 1927, and was finished on February 1, 1928, at a cost of \$10,141.50. J. B. Gray was the Chairman of the Building Committee, F. L. Carr of the Finance Committee, and Mrs. Annie H. Branch was the Treasurer of Funds.

By the beginning of 1925, it was decided to incorporate all the Guilds of the Church into a single organization known as The Church Service League, but in 1934 the name "The Women's Auxiliary" was revived and has

continued to the present time. In February of 1925, there were seven Divisions of The Church Service League, each with its Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer, Educational Secretary, and U. T. O. Custodian: No. 1, Mrs. J. C. Hales, Mrs. A. A. Basye, Mrs. W. J. Boykin, and Mrs. A. A. Basye; No. 2, (No Chairman), Mrs. E. M. Davis, Mrs. R. H. Patterson, and Mrs. W. W. Simms; No. 3, Mrs. K. C. Moore, (Mrs. T. D. Mears, Vice-Chairman), Mrs. J. W. Gallion, Mrs. James Durham, and Mrs. C. H. Pierce; No. 4, Mrs. P. P. Lane, (Mrs. A. H. Branch, Vice-Chairman), Mrs. E. L. Tarkenton, Mrs. J. C. Eagles and Mrs. C. L. Harper; No. 5, Mrs. S. W. Worthington, Mrs. C. C. Benton, Mrs. Charles Swindell, and Mrs. P. H. Foreman; No. 6, Mrs. Holton Wallace, Miss Margaret Gold, Mrs. F. D. Swindell, and Mrs. Frank Davis; No. 7, Miss Eulalie Cox, Miss Clyde Deans, Mrs. C. L. Blackburn, and Miss Eulalie Cox.

Mrs. Ashe Hines was Director of the Choir in 1925, with Mrs. Eugene Davis as Organist, Mrs. Hardin Jewett as Assistant Organist, and Crucifers Karl Moore and S. W. Smith, Jr. The Reverend Edward W. Baxter was the Pastor at this time, and the Vestry consisted of W. J. Boykin, Senior Warden, Dr. C. E. Moore, Junior Warden, C. H. Pierce, Secretary, E. L. Tarkenton, Treasurer (for over twelve years), and Vestrymen, S. H. Anderson, R. C. Bagby, F. L. Carr, J. C. Eagles, J. B. Gray, W. J. King, G. W. Stanton, and J. E. Woodard, Sr.

The Reverend Frank D. Dean left St. Timothy's Church on December 29, 1937, and was replaced on February 1, 1938, by the Reverend J. Q. Beckwith, Jr., who had just completed four years of service at St. Mathew's Episcopal Church in Hillsboro. He was a native of Wilmington and had studied at the University of North Carolina before being graduated from the Virginia

Theological Seminary in 1931. He left Wilson at the end of 1947 and was succeeded by the Reverend Clarence Hobgood, who resigned in September of 1951 in order to serve again as a Chaplain in the United States Army. The present Pastor is the Reverend John Atkins Gray, who assumed his duties on February 15, 1952, and all the Church people of Wilson are delighted to have him with us. The present Bishop of this Diocese is the Right Reverend Edwin Anderson Penick, D. D., LL. D., who succeeded Bishop Cheshire in 1932.

In 1943 Mrs. E. J. Carr was President of the Rector's Aid Guild, Mrs. J. C. Beckwith of St. Anne's Guild, and W. W. Batts of St. Claire's Guild, while the Vestry consisted of P. O. Barnes, W. E. Barnes, J. A. Conley, J. C. Eagles, B. G. Field, J. C. Gatlin, J. R. Harriss, Dr. W. C. Hunter, E. G. Joyner, Luke Lamb, Jake Michaux, and E. L. Tarkenton. W. A. Briggs was the Church Treasurer. In 1944 J. A. Conley, Luke Lamb, and E. L. Tarkenton had been replaced by T. S. Hall, W. A. Brigders, and W. E. Batts. John W. Fontaine was the Organist and Choir Director, and Mrs. S. P. Morrill was the Choir Mother.

On January 4, 1951, the Reverend Clarence Hobgood recommended to the Vestry that they adopt a Centennial Program that would be completed by 1956, the Hundredth Anniversary of the organization of St. Timothy's Church, and Fiftieth Anniversary of the present Church building. The program that he outlined included a new organ, cathedral lighting, the renovation and redecoration of the building, and the replacing of the Hadley House by a brick structure designed to harmonize with the present Gothic style and to house offices and the overflow from the Sunday School. All these projects were completed early in 1952, excepting the Hadley House which was too expensive an item to consider so soon after the expenditures indicated above.

However, it is anticipated that this will have been accomplished in time for the Centennial Celebration.

Perhaps the first Episcopal Rector to be reared in St. Timothy's Church and to receive his ordination here was the Reverend John Drake. The services on this happy occasion, November 25, 1945, were conducted by Bishop Edwin A. Penick and the Reverend J. Q. Beckwith. It makes a pleasant note upon which to terminate this brief account of the Church History.

THE
MINISTERS
OF
ST. TIMOTHY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE REV. WILLIAM MURPHY
1856-1857

THE REV. F. FITZGERALD
1858-1859

THE REV. STICKNEY
1860

THE REV. ANGELO A. BENTON, D. D.
1861-1862

THE REV. WILLIS HUNTER
1862-1863

THE REV. ISRAEL HARDING
1863-1865

THE REV. ANGELO A. BENTON, D. D.
1866-1870

THE REV. J. W. LARMOUR
1870-1872

THE REV. J. B. PURCELL, M. D.
1872-1874

THE REV. G. W. PHELPS
1874-1879

THE REV. B. S. BRONSON
1879-1889

THE REV. R. E. WRIGHT
1889-1891

THE REV. C. J. WINGATE
1891-1896

THE REV. F. C. BAYLIS
1896-1897

THE REV. THOMAS BELL
1898-1900

THE REV. CAREY GAMBLE
1901-1906

THE REV. T. A. CHEATHAM
1906-1908

THE REV. E. A. EDWARDS
1909-1911

THE REV. I. H. WEBBER-THOMPSON
1911-1912

THE REV. MARTIN N. RAY
1912-1913

THE REV. CLARENCE G. PROSPERI
1913-1914

THE REV. A. W. CHEATHAM
1914-1916

THE REV. MORRISON BETHEA
1916-1922

THE REV. EDWARD W. BAXTER
1922-1929

THE REV. SAMUEL W. HALE
1929-1931

THE REV. FRANK D. DEAN, M. D.
1932-1937

THE REV. J. Q. BECKWITH
1938-1947

THE REV. CLARENCE HOBGOOD
1948-1951

THE REV. JOHN ADKINS GRAY
1952

THE
SENIOR WARDENS
OF
ST. TIMOTHY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THOMAS C. DAVIS
1863-1915

WILLIAM J. BOYKIN
1915-1937

FREDERICK LOUIS CARR
1938-1939

JOSEPH C. EAGLES
1940-1946

EDWIN G. JOYNER
1947-1948

B. G. FIELD
1949

T. S. HALL
1950-1951

HENRY GROVES CONNOR
1952-1953

WILLIAM E. BARNES
1953-1954

JOHN D. PALMER
1954-1955

WILLIAM A. BRIDGERS
1955-1956

WILLIAM BAXTER WADDILL
1956-1957

THE
JUNIOR WARDENS
OF
ST. TIMOTHY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

JOSEPH B. STICKNEY

JOHN Y. MOORE

JOSEPH G. RAWLS

JACOB C. HALES
1910-1913

WILLIAM J. BOYKIN
1913-1915

DR. CHARLES E. MOORE
1915-1933

E. L. TARKENTON
1934

WILLIAM JOHNSTON KING
1935

JOSEPH C. EAGLES
1936-1939

EDWIN G. JOYNER
1940-1946

B. G. FIELD
1947-1948

T. S. HALL
1949

HENRY GROVES CONNOR
1950-1951

WILLIAM E. BARNES
1952-1953

JOHN D. FARMER
1953-1954

WILLIAM A. BRIDGERS
1954-1955

WILLIAM BAXTER WADDILL
1955-1956

H. H. HARRISS
1956-1957

PRESIDENTS
OF
THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY
OF
ST. TIMOTHY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

MRS. THOMAS BELL
1898

MRS. H. G. CONNOR, SR.
1899

MRS. THOMAS BELL
1901

MRS. H. G. CONNOR, SR.
1902-1908

MRS. T. A. CHEATHAM
1909

MRS. H. H. MURRAY
1910

MRS. E. G. RAWLINGS
1911

MRS. H. G. CONNOR, SR.
1912

MRS. E. G. RAWLINGS
1913-1915

MRS. H. G. CONNOR, SR.
1916-1919

MRS. C. E. MOORE
1920-1923

MRS. E. G. RAWLINGS
1924-1925

MRS. D. M. HILL
1926

MRS. W. W. SIMMS
1927-1928

MRS. H. R. SWARTZELL
1929-1930

MISS CLYDE DEANS
1931-1932

MRS. F. D. SWINDELL
1933

MRS. W. E. BARNES
1934

MRS. C. F. YOUNG
1935

MRS. W. J. KING
1936-1938

MRS. S. P. MORRILL
1939-1940

MRS. T. P. THOMAS
1941-1942

MRS. J. W. DRAKE
1943-1944

MRS. C. L. BLACKBURN
1945-1946

MRS. J. D. PALMER
1947-1948

MRS. F. L. CARR, JR.
1949

MRS. JOHN D. PALMER
1949-1951

MRS. G. E. GAUSS
1951-1952

MRS. E. M. BURACKER
1952-1954

MRS. HENRY E. BENTON
1954-1956

THE
THE MEMORIALS AND GIFTS
OF
ST. TIMOTHY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

ALMS BASIN

The large alms basin was made from some family silver and presented to the Church by William Jacquelin Boykin in memory of his wife, Rosa Beauregard Boykin (1865-1934), and is used in the Sanctuary.

ALMS BASIN

In 1937 B. G. Fields gave another silver alms basin for use in the Sanctuary.

ALMS BASIN

Also in 1937, Mrs. Mary F. Churchwell gave a silver alms basin in memory of Edwin Davis Barnes for use in the Sanctuary.

ALMS BASIN

Mrs. M. N. Lazzo and her brother, Jack Hadge, presented the Church with a small silver alms basin in memory of "Mike" Lazzo, February 7, 1942.

ALTAR

The Altar in the first church was given by the Stickney family. After 1902 it was placed in the Holy Trinity Mission at Elm City. It should be remembered that Joseph B. Stickney served as a Lay Reader for sixty-two years.

ALTAR

In 1906 Nancy Barnes Branch and Ellen Branch Anderson gave the Altar to the Church in memory of their parents, Alpheus and Nannie Barnes Branch.

ALTAR CANDLESTICKS

The five altar candlesticks memorialize James W. Lancaster, Lay Reader; Gouverneur Morris Wilkins; Moses W. Jarvis, Lay Reader; George Whitfield, Vestryman; and Joseph Gurney Rawls, Junior Warden.

ALTAR CROSS

Mrs. Bronson's Sunday School Class presented the altar cross to the Church as an Easter Offering in 1887. The members of the class were Mary Groves Connor, Mamie Hines, Rosa Lee Rhodes, Annie Rebecca Harriss, and Emily Harriss.

ALTAR LINENS

Miss Clyde Deans gave the altar linens to the Church in memory of her sister, Mrs. Minnie Deans Turner, who died on June 11, 1934.

ALTAR PRAYER BOOK

On February 17, 1852, Mrs. Mollie Ernst Williams gave the altar prayer book to the glory of God and in loving memory of her husband, Dr. Albert Franklin Williams, M. D.

ALTAR VASES

The small altar vases were given to the Church by the Earnest Workers at Christmas of 1886.

ALTAR VASES

George and Effie Baker Stanton gave the large altar vases to the Church in memory of their daughter, Marion Osmore Stanton.

BAPTISMAL BOWL

In January of 1952, Mrs. Mabel Moore Ricks gave the baptismal bowl to the glory of God and in loving memory of her parents, Charles E. and Minnie E. Moore.

CANDLESTICKS

The Eucharistic candlesticks were given to the Church in loving memory of Thomas C. Davis who served as Senior Warden for fifty-five years.

CANDLESTICKS

The seven-branch candlesticks were presented to the Church in loving memory of Joseph B. Stickney who was a Lay Reader for sixty-two years.

CASKET PALL

In 1939 the children of Mrs. Joseph Virginia Roberts Daniel gave the casket pall to the Church in her memory.

CHIMES

The chimes of the organ in the chancel of the Church were given by William F. Brame to the glory of God and in honor of his mother, Catherine Wyly Brame, at Trinity of 1951.

COMMUNION SERVICE

The original Communion Service of the Church was the gift of Sally Dortch Kenan. It was later stolen and replaced by another purchased by the congregation. This second service was stolen during the rectorship of the Reverend Frank D. Dean.

COMMUNION SERVICE

The communion service now in use consists of three pieces made from gold and silver jewelry, flat-ware, hollow-ware, etc., given by the congregation and friends of the Church. The Reverend Dean took these gifts to Baltimore in person and supervised the preparation of the three vessels which were dedicated on December 1, 1934.

The following persons contributed the precious metals used in the present communion service: Mrs. E. B. Abbitt, Mrs. W. P. Anderson, R. C. Bagby (in memory of his brother), Mrs. W. E. Barnes, Mr. and Mrs. Charles

C. Benton, Charles C. Benton, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Henry E. Benton, Mrs. A. H. Branch (in memory of Mattie Branch Williams), Mrs. Gladys Bruton, Mrs. F. L. Carr, Mrs. Mary P. Churchwell, Miss Clyde Cox, Miss Eulalie Cox, Mrs. James Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Frank D. Deans, Mrs. Clyde Deans, Mrs. P. B. Deans, Miss Vivia Deans (in memory of Louise Battle Rhodes), Miss Catherine Eagles, Frederick M. Eagles, J. C. Eagles, Jr., Mrs. Susie M. Eagles, Wade Edwards, Mrs. Wylie Edwards, Miss Bruce Evans, B. G. Field, Mrs. C. M. Fleming, Miss Katherine Mortimer Fleming, Miss Kathryn Fleming, Miss Ximena Branch Fleming (in memory of Roscoe Briggs Fleming), Mrs. R. B. Fleming, Mrs. Jeannette Granger, Miss Sallie Hadley, Mrs. Martha Hales, Mrs. C. R. Harper, Mrs. F. S. Harriss, Mrs. Francis S. Hassell, Miss Gary Hassell, Ashe J. Hines, Mrs. Ashe J. Hines (in memory of Amos J. and Eliza Hines), The Joyner family, Edward Joyner, Jr., Francis P. King, Mr. and Mrs. William Johnston King, Mrs. P. P. Lane, Mrs. H. C. McNair, Banks Holt Mebane (in memory of Robert Bruce Evans), Mrs. George William Mitchell, Irene Warren Mitchell, Mrs. R. H. Patterson, Mrs. Tom Pleasants (in memory of Miss Margaret Burden), Miss Margaret Pruden, Miss Sandra James Roberts (in memory of James Radcliffe Roberts), Miss Sarah Robinson, Dr. M. M. Saliba, Mrs. W. W. Simms, Mrs. Cecil Smith, Mrs. Annie Starr (in memory of George Joseph Starr, Mrs. Lanie Swartzell, Mrs. Frederick Dudley Swindell, Mrs. Charles A. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Travis, Miss Sadie Vinson, In Memory of Elizabeth Cooke Wainwright, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Walker, Miss Alice Roberts Whitehead, Mr. and Mrs. James S. Whitehead, Mrs. Samuel Wheeler Worthington (in memory of Mrs. Mary Miller Outlaw Connor), and Mrs. Calvin Young.

COMMUNION SERVICE

The individual communion service was given to the Church in memory of William Johnston King (1889-1935).

CRUETS

The silver cruets in the Sanctuary were given by Mrs. Rosalie Blackshear to the glory of God and in loving memory of her mother, Mrs. Rosalie Blackshear Robinson, at Trinity of 1951.

DOORS

The doors at the front of the Church were given in loving memory of Edwin Davis Barnes (1894-1931) by his wife and children.

FONT

The font was presented to the Church in 1898 by Fenner, Gertrude, and Joseph B. Stickney in memory of their father, the Reverend F. S. Stickney.

FURNACE

In 1947 Selby H. Anderson gave the oil furnace that serves the Church and the Parish House.

FURNITURE

The chancel furniture was given to the Church in 1906 by Nancy Barnes Branch and Mrs. Ellen Branch Anderson in memory of their parents, Nannie Barnes Branch and Alpheus Branch.

GRATE

The handsome wrought-iron grate of the baptistry was presented to the Church by Barnard Geoffrey Field in ever loving memory of his mother, Mrs. Ethel Constance Field.

HADLEY HOUSE

The Hadley House that once stood in the rear of the Church developed from a gift of five thousand dollars left by Miss Sallie Sanders Hadley. A bronze plaque states that it is a memorial to the glory of God and in loving memory of her parents. Thomas Jefferson Hadley and Sarah Sanders Hadley, at Advent of 1940. On December 19, 1949, the Vestry decided to

buy, upon the recommendation of a Committee appointed to that purpose, a house to be used for the Sunday School and Church office; and on February 18, 1950, they voted to use the Hadley Memorial Fund towards the purchase of the former Hugh Sheppard home for the sum of \$14,000.

HOST BOX

The silver host box in the Sanctuary was the gift of Mrs. Henry Groves Connor.

HYMN BOARD

The hymn board for the Choir was given by W. J. and Rosa Boykin in memory of their daughter, Mrs. Frances Boykin Mears.

HYMN BOARD

The hymn board for the Church was given in memory of Mrs. Sally Masters Moore who died on June 29, 1894.

LECTERN

The lectern was presented to the Church in 1911 by Mr. and Mrs. Edward Garlick Rawlings as a Thank Offering for the recovery of their children from typhoid fever. It is in the chancel.

LITANY DESK

The litany desk was given to the Church by Theodore A. Cheatham in memory of his brother, Whitfield Cheatham. It is located in the chancel.

MISSAL

The missal in the Sanctuary was presented to the Church by R. C. Bagley in memory of his mother, Mrs. Parke Chamberlayne Bagley.

MISSAL STAND

The missal stand in the Sanctuary was given by Mrs. Bettie Davis Battle on April 20, 1890.

ORGAN

The original organ in the chancel was the gift of St. Agnes's Guild in 1906. On Easter April 19th, 1908, the first Sunday that the new organ was played for the services and the first vested choir sang, Mrs. C. A. Thompson (Bessie Harriss), who had organized the choir, also played at the service. She played the organ in the church for about twenty years.

SECOND ORGAN

The beautiful organ currently in use was given by Selby Hurt Anderson to the glory of God and in loving memory of his wife, Mrs. Ellen Branch Anderson, at Epiphany of 1951.

PATEN AND CHALICE

Mrs. Thomas S. Kenan gave the paten and chalice in the Sanctuary in memory of her uncle, Jesse Adams, and his wife and children.

PEWS

In 1913 the citizens of Wilson gave the pews to the Church in memory of Jacob C. Hales.

PROCESSIONAL CROSS

The old processional cross was given by William Stallings in 1894 as a memorial to his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Manning Stallings. He had made it of brass by hand. In 1915 it was converted into an Altar Cross and given to St. Mark's Episcopal Church (Colored) of Wilson.

PROCESSIONAL CROSS

The new processional cross was the gift of Thomas C. Davis in 1915 to the glory of God and in memory of his service as Senior Warden for more than fifty-five years.

REREDOS

The reredos in the Sanctuary were given to the Church in 1951 by A. B. and F. L. Carr to the glory of God and in loving memory of their parents, Nancy Branch Carr and Frederick Louis Carr.

SEATS

The seats in the Parish House were the gift of Herbert H. Harriss, Sr.

WINDOW

In 1951 Henry Groves Connor III gave the window of the Baptistry to the glory of God and in loving memory of Deane Jackson Patterson (1875-1950).

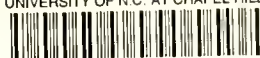
WINDOW

The window over the font was presented to the Church in 1906 by Roscoe Giles Briggs in memory of his wife, Ximena Branch Briggs.

WINDOW

The windows in the vestibule of the Church were in 1906 the gift of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hales in memory of their daughters, Martha Stanton Hales, and Marguerite Hales.

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